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AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY ALERT Number 11

Informing you about news, events, data releases, congressional actions, and other developments associated with the American Community Survey (ACS).

NEWS IN THIS ALERT:

- * ACS Operations Plan Now Available
 - * New Data Releases
 - * New Endorsements
 - * Events Update: News Conferences
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ACS OPERATIONS PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

The American Community Survey Operations Plan, Release 1: March 2003 is available at <<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/OpsPlanfinal.pdf>>. This plan identifies and documents the individual components of the ACS and describes projects associated with making the transition from a demonstration program to a production survey. The plan is intended to serve as a reference manual, and to assist communication and understanding about the ACS program.

DATA RELEASES

The 2001 Supplementary Survey PUMS data will be released later this month. You can find the PUMS data at:

<<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/PUMS/PUMS2.htm>>

An additional 600+ tables from the ACS and the 2001 Supplementary Survey were released on February 27, 2003. You can find this data at: <<http://factfinder.census.gov>> in the "Data Sets" section.

NEW ENDORSEMENTS

On February 12, 2003, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments joined a long list of supporters when it issued a resolution endorsing the ACS. The Council's resolution noted that

“recently released 2001 Supplementary Survey data for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia have demonstrated the potential value of information to be obtained from the American Community Survey for jurisdictions of metropolitan Washington.” The Council represents 17 Washington, DC area local governments plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Other endorsers of the ACS include elected officials; national elected officials’ organizations; state, local, and tribal governments; and quasi-governments. For a full list of endorsements for the ACS, see the document attached (endorsement list.pdf).

EVENTS UPDATE: NEWS CONFERENCES

Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon highlighted 2001 demographic data for Hawaii at an April 3, 2003 news conference at the state capitol in Honolulu. Governor Linda Lingle joined Kincannon as they discussed characteristics such as foreign born populations, language spoken at home, median home values, veterans, and household income.

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